(b) if so, whether the State Government has agreed to attract more tourist in Andhra Pradesh for traditional system of treatment;

(c) whether Govemment has agreed to provide help and assistance to develop tourist centres in these places; and

(d) if so, what are the help and assistance that will be provided to the Andhra Pradesh in improving tourist centres in these places?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Govemment of India has decided to identify integrated travel circuits in the country each year. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments. In addition to this it is also proposed to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration, each year in consultation with them for overall devebpment including the State of Andhra Pradesh. No specific proposal for devebpment of infrastructure at these places has been received by the Department of Tourism from the State Government.

Increase in the tourist arrival

1350. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the tourism and civil aviation industries taking a knock after the 11th September, 2001, the tourism sector have had a reversal of trends in the last two months;

(b) if so, whether the foreign tourist arrival have picked up by 16 per cent since November;

(c) if so, to what extent it has increased; and

(d) to what extent the tourism sector has improved its position from November, 2002 to till now?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the three months starting from November, 2002, the foreign tourist arrival was 802966 as compared to arrival of 692379 in the corresponding period of the previous years thus registering a growth of 16 per cent.

India's share in world tourism

1351. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware that CD's National Committee on ToiKfeffi and heritage shows that India's share in world tourism is 0.38 per cent, it ranks 50th in the world list of international arrivals, and that its share in world tourism receipts is just 0.67 per cent;

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to substantially increase of our share of world tourism particularly in view of tourism being labour intensive it would give great fillip for creation of new jobs; and

(c) what other measures are under consideration to make India a tourist destination for the foreigners?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) At present India's share in the world tourism is around 0.38 per cent, it ranks 51 st in the world international arrivals and its share in world tourism receipts is around 0.67 per cent.

(b) and (c) A series of measures to develop infrastructure with emphasis on integrated circuits, creating cultural and tourism hubs and converging elements of tourism, culture and civic governance have been initiated to enhance India's share in the global market.

Tourism destinations in Andhra Pradesh

1352. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of new initiative some Centres